(b) The Bombay High Urban Oil pipeline can carry 18MMT per annum of oil. The actual quantity of oil transported was 17.97 and 17.43 million tonnes during the years 1988-89 and 1989-90 respectively.

At present, 16 MMSCMD gas can be transported from Bombay High. The gas transported during 1988-89 and 1989-90 was 16.09 and 14.98 MMSCMD, respectively.

(c) and (d) The initial proposal was received in 1984. However, since then it was modified several times extensively and final proposal was submitted to the Governmental in June,1991.

Rise in Cost of Mangalore Refinery

2396. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI:
SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a steep cost escalation of the Mangalore Refinery due to delay in approval and devaluation of rupee;

(b) if so, the estimated rise in cost of the Mangalore Refinery; and;

(c) the reasons for delay in approving the said Refinery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERTROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) t0 (c). Government have approved after due consideration on 11.4.1991 proposal to set up a 3 MTPA Oil refinery at Mangalore at an esteemed cost of Rs. 1160 crores based on June, 1990 prices. Due to normal cost escalation, effect of devaluation etc. the cost of the refinery project as on July, 1991 prices is estimated to be about Rs. 1500 crores.

[*Translation*]

Milk Sheds in Uttar Pradesh

2397. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the existing number of milk sheds in Uttar Pradesh under Operation Flood-III Programme;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up additional milk sheds in the State during 1992; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) Twentyeight milksheds are at present convered under Operation Flood Programme in Uttar Pradesh.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Increase in the Rate of Royalty on Minerals

2398. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken any decision to increase the rates of royalty on minerals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;